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To: Sierra County Supervisor Lee Adams and Lila Huer Service Area 2

Re: Ongoing Medical Supply Costs

As you are both aware, Downieville Fire Protection District no longer houses an ambulance in Alleghany. That arrangement was beneficial to the Pliocene Ridge Area for about twenty years. Under the previous arrangement Downieville FPD restocked the medical supplies as they were used at no cost to Pliocene Ridge CSD. They also collected revenue for the ambulance runs that were billable. An analysis by DVFPD on the cost of housing the ambulance in Alleghany came up with a net zero or break-even number. PRCSD's first responders donated their time for all medical calls.

Ambulance Services are not part of Pliocene Ridge CSDs charter and Downieville FPD is the only ambulance provider in Western Sierra County. Having an alternative transport vehicle in Alleghany is preferred over an ambulance due to the increased flexibility for transporting patients even when an EMT is not available. As a non-transport provider PRCSD cannot bill for medical services and lacks the resources or enough medical calls to consider changing to an ambulance provider. However, these recent changes with the ambulance in Alleghany have created a new financial burden for Pliocene Ridge CSD. PRCSD must now purchase all medical supplies and equipment needed for responding to medical calls.

Pliocene Ridge CSD is in the process of standardizing the medical equipment across both fire departments (Pike and Alleghany). A department of health grant was utilized to purchase new medical bags for this purpose. The district anticipates spending another approximately \$2,000 for medical supplies to stock the bags. Medical supplies have expiration dates and must be refreshed on a regular basis.

Considering these facts, Pliocene Ridge CSD would like to request an annual allocation from Service Area 2 funds specifically for medical supplies/equipment for the Pike and Alleghany Fire Departments. Any amount would be helpful.

Your time and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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